against inflation. The Act also provides for revision of minimum wages at an interval of 5 years. The Central Government has introduced a floor level minimum wage in the absence of a uniform national minimum wages, which has been recently increased to Rs. 45/- per day in November, 1999. All the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations have been asked to ensure that the minimum wages in scheduled employments are not less than the floor level wages.

Bonus Bonanza

3355. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem, "Bonus bonanza on the cards" published in the Hindustan Times, dated 29th July, 2000;

(b) if so, the reaction thereto;

(c) the financial impact of the proposal to revise the upper wage ceiling of the eligibility and the Indian Corporate Wage Bill; and

(d) to what extent is bonus bonanza justified in the existing given financial scenario?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT AFFAIRS (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Government is seized of the demand made by the central Trade Union Organisations for removal of the eligibility limit and calculation ceiling for the purpose of payment of bonus.

Bonus to workers of Organised Sector

3356. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a large proportion of the organised sector workers have been denied their entitlement to payment of Bonus even while scores of public employees including Government employees are getting payment of bonus in some form or the other; and